

**REMARKS**

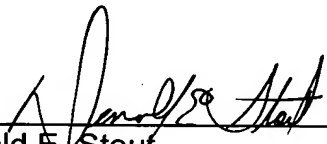
Transmitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the portion of the term of the patent which issues from this application beyond the term of United States Patent 6,707,944. The filing of the Terminal Disclaimer moots the outstanding grounds of rejection.

Accordingly, early allowance is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (087.38292CX1) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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